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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

23 July 1987

AM 10:00 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

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APPENDIX I

SHIPSTEAD - LUCE SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 87-105	2606 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suikwong Chan	Replacement of canopy

ACTION: Returned without Action. Submission is outside jurisdiction of Commission of Fine Arts.

S.L. 87-107	5415 16th Street, N.W. Sixth Presbyterian Church	Sign
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed "bulletin board" sign similar to design and installation shown under the heading "Advocate - Options" in the submitted materials. A letter from the church spokesman, received 7 July 1987, states that intentions are to re-use existing stonework for support, plant low evergreens to soften the proposed base, and use subdued internal illumination.

S.L. 87-108	516 North Capitol Street, N.W. Martin Wildt	Replacement of canopy
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for replacement of canopy as shown on supplemental drawings dated 29 June 1987. Note: text of lettering on valance will read "Roy Rogers Restaurant" as indicated in a letter from the applicant received 29 June 1987.

S.L. 87-109	550 C Street, S.W. Capitol Holiday Inn	Replacement of trash pick-up equipment
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for replacement of trash pick-up equipment according to working drawings (received and dated 29 June 1987).

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
S.L. 87-110	1727 Kalmia Road, N.W. Moore Residence	New single family house

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of new single family house according to working drawings (received and dated 25 June 1987) which conform to preciously approved concept submissions with modifications indicated on letter from applicant (received and dated 20 July 1987). See previous Action (S.L. 87-60). Note that second story deck is not included in submission.

S.L. 87-111	138 F Street, S.E. Mrs. Mimi McGee	Fence
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ACTION: Returned without Action. Submission is outside jurisdiction of Commission of Fine Arts.

S.L. 87-113	1 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Acacia Mutual Life Insurance	Signs
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign replacements which will occupy same positions as original NS & T signs. Only lettering will be illuminated.

S.L. 87-116	6700 Oregon Avenue, N.W. Oregon Associates	New single family house
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of new single family house according to working drawings (received and dated 17 July 1987) which conform to previously approved concept submission. See previous Action (S.L. 87-84).

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S.L. 87-117	6702 Oregon Avenue, N.W. Oregon Associates	New single family house

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of new single family house according to working drawings (received and dated 17 July 1987) which conform to previously approved concept submission. See previous Action (S.L. 87-84).

S.L. 87-118	6704 Oregon Avenue, N.W. Oregon Associates	New single family house
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of new single family house according to working drawings (received and dated 17 July 1987) which conform to previously approved concept submission. See previous Action (S.L. 87-84).

S.L. 87-119	6706 Oregon Avenue, N.W. Oregon Associates	New single family house
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of new single family house according to working drawings (received and dated 17 July 1987) which conform to previously approved concept submission. See previous Action (S.L. 87-84).

S.L. 87-120	1445 New York Avenue, N.W. Crestar Bank	Signs
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement signs shown in materials received and dated 20 July 1987.

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S.L. 87-121	1750 New York Avenue, N.W. Crestar Bank	Signs
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement signs shown in materials received and dated 20 July 1987.

S.L. 87-122	2030 Pierce Mill Road, N.W. Mr. William S. Weems	Front porch addition
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for construction of front porch addition according to working drawings (received and dated 21 July 1987).

S.L. 87-123	2301 N Street, N.W. Square 35 Residential Joint Venture	New building
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed mixed-use building as shown in working drawings received and dated 11 June 1987. Landscape schedule and design are also approved. Letter from architect assures that design has not significantly changed from approved concept design (see S.L. 86-13).

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APPENDIX II

OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 87-84	1217 Potomac Street, N.W. L'Hommedieu	2-story addition- Revised concept
ACTION: No objection to concept of addition as shown in Scheme 3 received 7 July 1987.		
O.G. 87-58	3314 N Street, N.W. Rossotti	Solarium addition and alterations - Concept
ACTION: No objection to design concept for proposed infill addition.		
O.G. 87-112	3700 O Street, N.W. Georgetown University	Entrance gate alteration-Revised
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to entrance gate as shown in supplemental drawing received and dated 7 July 1987. New rusticated granite piers shall match existing adjacent detailing.		
O.G. 87-99	1415 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Appalachia, Inc.	Awning/sign - Revised concept
ACTION: No objection to concept of resurfacing existing awning structure as agreed to by owner. Lettering and logo will be limited to the valance.		

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 87-145	3532 Reservoir Road, N.W. Chakaki and Nasser	New building, fence and garage

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new residence as shown in working drawings received and dated 1 July 1987. Letter from architect confirms that no changes have been made to concept design as approved by Commission (See O.G. 87-32.)

O.G. 87-146	3536 Reservoir Road, N.W. Adi residence	New building, fence and garage
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new residence as shown in working drawings received and dated 1 July 1987. Letter from architect confirms that no changes have been made to concept design as approved by Commission (See O.G. 87-33.)

O.G. 87-134	1609 33rd Street, N.W. Jagdish Katyal	New building
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ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for design of new residence as shown on drawings received and dated 24 June 1987. No objection to single family residential building at this location, but recommend restudy of design and coordination with staff of Commission.

O.G. 87-135	1527 35th Street, N.W. Beta West Properties	Alterations
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed restoration, renovation and alterations as shown in working drawings received and dated 24 June 1987.

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 87-119	1603 34th Street, N.W. Quirk	Addition

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed second story addition as shown in supplemental drawing received and dated 7 July 1987.

O.G. 87-136	3341 Reservoir Road, N.W. Alan Glen	Garage
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new garage structure. Letter from architect confirms that working drawings conform to concept design as approved by Commission (See O.G. 87-28.)

O.G. 87-143	3432 P Street, N.W. Habananda	Addition of deck and alterations- Concept
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ACTION: No objection to design concept for alterations to porch and addition of deck as shown in drawings received and dated 24 June 1987. Note that there will be no changes to the windows of the house other than shown by the three new French doors.

O.G. 87-133	1000 29th Street, N.W. 29th & K Associates	Alterations for restaurant
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to existing building now under construction so as to install restaurant kitchen, access steps and roof exhaust. Roof exhaust will not be visible from public space.

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O.G. 87-130	3328 Prospect Street, N.W. Cash	Addition of deck - Concept

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed new deck.

O.G. 87-138	2707 P Street, N.W. Helsing	Retaining wall alteration
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ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for proposed increase to height of retaining wall. Recommend retention of existing embankment and restoration of iron fence as exists at neighboring property.

O.G. 87-140	3270 M Street, N.W. Georgetown Park	Awning/sign
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed shed type awnings only. Arched awning at entrance is inappropriate. No objection to lettering and logo on valance. (Note correction to drawings.)

O.G. 87-127	3055 Q Street, N.W. Meyer	Fence
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed wood fence replacement.

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FROM :

SUBJECT :

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you of the results of the investigation conducted by the FBI on the matter of the alleged activities of the [redacted] in the [redacted] area.

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O.G. 87-129	3053 Q Street, N.W. Cameron	Fence
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed wood fence replacement.

O.G. 87-128	3333 Reservoir Road, N.W. Stewart	Fence
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for solid board fence as presently exists rather than peeled stockade fence as proposed.

O.G. 87-131	3023 Dumbarton Street, N.W. Mockwart	Fence
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed fence.

O.G. 87-132	3255 Prospect Street, N.W. Domino's Pizza	Sign
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ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit. Resubmit sign proposal for lettering no larger than 12 inches in height and with a thinner profile. Also existing neon lighted signs should be relocated back from glass at least 18 inches in accordance with code.

O.G. 87-139	3245 M Street, N.W. Bagelry	Awning/sign
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ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awning and sign as shown in submission materials received and dated 24 June 1987.

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O.G. 87-141	1263 35th Street, N.W. Tahoori	Sign

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed hanging sign as shown in submission received and dated 24 June 1987.

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

23 July 1987

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Carolyn J. Deaver
Hon. Roy M. Goodman
Hon. Frederick E. Hart
Hon. Diane Wolf

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Jose Martinez-Canino
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
Mrs. Elizabeth Hanold

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. 19 June 1987 Minutes were approved.

B. Dates of next meetings were approved as:

18 September 1987 (Friday)
22 October 1987 (Thursday)
19 November 1987 (Thursday)
17 December 1987 (Thursday)

C. Introduction to Commission of Jose Martinez-Canino, a new staff architect, by the Secretary. Mr. Martinez was welcomed by the members.

II. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

A. National Park Service, National Capital Region

1. CFA 23/Jul/87-1 National Sculpture Garden, Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, N.W. (The Commission members agreed that since the principal portions of the National Sculpture Garden pertained to the restaurant pavilion and were not related to the space to

be used by the National Gallery of Art, that it would be appropriate for the Chairman to participate in this agenda item.)

Mr. Carson referred to the Commission's previous approvals of the garden and pavilion and interest in reviewing the final details. Mr. Urban, the landscape architect, described the overall masterplan for the project. He discussed the paving, tree species and the need to have a fence continue around the park to enclose the pavilion and to screen the trash storage area. There was some brief discussion for purposes of understanding the presentation, but there were no objections to the project details presented.

Mr. Giegengack, the architect, presented the final designs for the pavilion which would be an open air structure with a service core for food sales and skate rentals. The core area would have as a finish vertical siding of wood "Porch ceiling" with curved trim at the opening heads. There was some additional discussion of the openings in the core area with Miss Wolf showing an example of the art nouveau Paris Metro architecture by Hector Guimard. While she liked the strip windows in one illustration, Mr. Hart recommended against them on the basis that it would tend to reinforce the look of a railroad car. The design ended up approved as submitted with no objection to a monochromatic copper green exterior to both roof and structural members.

Exhibit A

2. CFA 23/Jul/87-2, Kahlil Gibran Memorial, site selection.

Mr. Martinez said that the Commission had received advance briefing materials on the memorial which was proposed for National Park land across Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. from the British Embassy. He stated that the Commission and staff had visited the site.

Mr. John Parsons, from the Park Service, then reviewed the memorial's legislation, directing site and design approval by the Commission. He introduced Ms. Sheryl Ameen of the Kahlil Gibran Foundation. She stated the Foundations' intention to design a garden for the poet's memorial rather than looking for an architectural solution. She introduced Ms. Mary Ann Lash, a landscape architect.

Ms. Lash showed the relationship of the site to Massachusetts Avenue on the one side and Normanstone Parkway on the other. She showed some photographs and said that screening the memorial area from Massachusetts Avenue noise would be a major design consideration.

The Chairman indicated that the Commission was in agreement with the choice of site and the concept of a landscape solution. He also stressed the need for simplicity and respect for the nearby Churchill statue. Mr. Hart added that the site would be hard to improve on. With that the Commission gave approval pending eventual submission of the specific design.

Exhibit B

B. American Red Cross

CFA 23/Jul/87-3, Red Cross Headquarters, 17th Street between D and E Streets, N.W. Revised parking plan.

Mr. Carson stated that the Red Cross had a new design to present responding to the Commission's 22 May 1987 suggestions. The members of the Commission had visited the site earlier in the day. He then introduced Theodore Moore from the Red Cross who said that the Commission would be presented a substantially different plan eliminating the expansion of parking on the 17th Street entrance drive, reducing the paving proposed on the E Street side, and enlarging the parking lot on the north side of the center service court within the complex. He then introduced the architect, Mr. Jack Samperton.

Mr. Samperton described the design, discussing with the members the relocation and preservation of some of the existing trees along the edge of the lot. The Chairman suggested diagonal vs. right-angle parking be considered. There was a brief discussion of various issues as follows: Miss Wolf suggested, informally, that the Red Cross consider getting near-by commercial parking for the volunteers. Mr. Hart suggested that some of the plant material had outlived its usefulness and ought to be replaced. All agreed that screening the adjacent parking cars and the back of a monument near the mid-point of the area were a good idea.

The Commission seemed receptive to this and added the suggestion that the nearby exercise area be surfaced with mulch. There was no objection to the additional parking on the east side of the entrance drive from E Street provided it was only one car deep and properly screened with a low (42" h.) evergreen hedge.

The staff was authorized to meet with the architect and determine the exact location for the north boundary line and new retaining wall that will separate and screen the central courtyard. Exhibit C

C. District of Columbia Government, Department of Public Works

CFA 23/Jul/87-4, Rehabilitation of John Philip Sousa Bridge, Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E. over the Anacostia River.

Mr. Myer described the project which would include a resurfacing, and repair of the structure, and would provide for an expanded cantilever on both sides of the roadway, increasing the overall width of the bridge about 12 feet. The Commission had recently reviewed and approved schemes for the same type of renovation for both Key and Chain bridges. The members had been sent material relating to the history of the 49-year old structure and the proposals involved. There were alternatives of having the lightpoles mounted inboard of the walks, which would make them close to the roadway, or incorporated with the rails which would preserve the original design relationship.

Mr. Donald Cooney of the District Government explained to the Commission that the bridge had a number of structural and maintenance problems and that a substantial renovation and thorough check-up were in order. Additionally there were safety problems with "cross-over" accidents and the need to barricade pedestrians from vehicles, as has been required in other renovations. There was some general discussion about the alternative lighting standard locations. The Chairman asked Mr. Myer his feelings, and he stated a preference for the original configuration of mounting the poles with the railings. Mr. Cooney and the consultants present from the Fleming Co. had no technical problem with that system and it was approved. Exhibit **D**

D. Department of the Army, Institute of Heraldry

1. CFA 23/Jul/87-5, design for Civilian Achievement Award.

Mrs. Kohler presented designs prepared by the Institute staff which featured a standard Army seal as the central motif. There was some general discussion which in turn was followed by the Commission's approval.

2. CFA 23/Jul/87-6, design for Army Service Award. Mrs. Kohler presented the design which was essentially the same as the first medal. There was no objection, and the design was approved. Exhibit **E**

E. Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers

CFA 23/Jul/87-7, U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, 3700 North Capitol Street, N.W. Proposal for sash replacement and cooling tower addition to be housed on the roof.

Mr. Martinez pointed out the site on the map and presented drawings and also stated that the members had received for their information copies of the drawings in advance. He indicated that the building dated from 1949 and that the original design had proposed a pyramidal element over the central tower. The new proposal would enclose the cooling tower with a mansard roof, open on the top. The sash replacement was "in kind" and required no discussion.

The members discussed the visibility, shape and materials of the cooling tower enclosure. They had no problem with the chamfered silhouette of the roof screen, but felt that additional study should be given to materials more in harmony with the building. While there was no objection to the concept, the consensus was that additional drawings and discussion were in order before final approval could be given. Exhibit **F**

F. District of Columbia Government, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

Appendix I, approved.

2. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 87-79, 1065 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W. Concept design for a two-story addition.

Mr. Carson presented designs for renovation and a rear addition to this residential structure which backed up to the National Park Service's recently acquired land next to the barge landing for the C & O Canal National Monument. Restoration of the original gable roof and removal of stucco would return the front of the building to its documented initial design. A two-story addition would follow the footprint of recent, unattractive rear one-and-a-half story wing. The Board had reviewed the design and requested a number of revisions. They were now recommending concept approval. The National Park Service staff had reviewed the designs and also had no objection.

The Commission examined drawings and photographs of the existing conditions and proposed changes. Mr. Newlands, the architect, answered several questions about the fenestration raised by Miss Wolf. The Commission then approved the proposal.

EXHIBIT G

b. O.G. 87-133, and -135, 1000-29th Street, N.W. Concept design for an enclosed sidewalk cafe.

Mr. Myer presented photographs and drawings for a glass walled, enclosed cafe proposed for a site beneath the Whitehurst Freeway at the corner of 29th and K Streets. The cafe would be attached to a residential hotel building under construction adjacent to the site and the proposal could potentially improve an existing eyesore in public space. Note was made that the Commission had visited the site earlier in the day and that the Board had recommended approval.

Mr. Stinson, the architect, explained how he hoped the cafe project would enhance and enliven the area. There was some general discussion, with Mr. Hart commenting that the project would give this type of "dead" space some sparkle. The project was given concept approval.

EXHIBIT G

c. O.G. 87-138, 2707 P Street, N.W. Retaining wall alteration.

Mr. Martinez said that the Board had visited the site, studied the proposal, and were recommending against approval. The work had been started without permit and involved raising the height of an existing retaining wall and altering the front yard contours. The Board had

reviewed the case, and recommended against the proposal. The action was based on the feeling that the landscaped banks along this row of buildings should be retained as is. There would be no objection to repairs nor the installation of a fence. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. James Helsing were present to appeal the Board's recommendations.

Mrs. Helsing stated that she and her husband had only wanted to make repairs and improvements to the property consistent with several others in the area. She also objected to receiving no notice of the Board's consideration of the project (though their agent had submitted the project for the Board's 7 July meeting, and had been advised of the meeting). She also pointed out that there had not been a fence north of the public walk during the time they had owned the property. Mr. Helsing pointed out that he and several neighbors had sent letters to the Commission commending the project. (These had been distributed to the members.) He also presented a number of photographs showing what he believed were similar conditions to those that he and his wife proposed.

After considerable discussion, the Commission upheld the Board's recommendation against the application, agreeing that the higher wall constituted an undesirable change to the streetscape. The applicants were requested to restore the wall to its original condition adding a new fence if they so desired.

EXHIBIT G

d. Appendix II. Approved without objection.

G. United States Mint (not on agenda).

Set of commemorative coins for the 1988 Olympics.

Prior to adjourning, the Chairman discussed a draft letter to the Director of the Mint, Ms. Donna Pope. The letter was intended to recommend use of an invited, compensated competition. All members were in favor of the letter subject to some language changes and it was sent with the Chairman's signature and dated 23 July 1987.

Exhibit H

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

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Dear Mr. Fish:

During its 23 July meeting, the Commission reviewed final plans for the National Sculpture Garden pavilion as well as a material selection and landscape study for the surrounding terrace. While the members believe that the enclosed portion of the structure could benefit by additional refinement, the consensus is one of general approval. The members also agree that a monochromatic light green color would best suit both the pavilion roof and its screen of metal "trees".

The Commission looks forward to review of the remaining design issues as they are resolved.

Sincerely,


J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. J. Manus Fish
Regional Director
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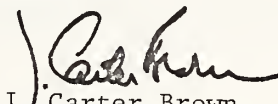
Dear Jack:

At its meeting on 23 July 1987, the Commission of Fine Arts approved a site for the Kahlil Gibran Memorial on Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. in an area known as Normanstone Parkway just across from the British Embassy.

When the members of the Commission visited the site prior to the meeting, we were struck by the natural beauty of the existing conditions. It is, therefore, reassuring to know that the sponsors of the memorial plan a landscape scheme and are clearly appreciative of the same features we admire.

We look forward to working with their designers and would welcome a presentation of the plans in their conceptual stage.

Sincerely,


J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. J. Manus Fish, Jr.
Regional Director
National Capital Region
National Park Service
1100 Ohio Drive, S. W., Room 336
Washington, D. C. 20242

EXHIBIT C

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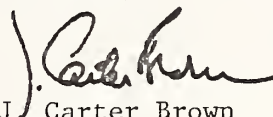
Dear Mr. Schubert:

During its 23 July meeting, the Commission was pleased to meet with your representative and the architect to discuss the revised parking plan for the American Red Cross headquarters on 17th and E Streets. By greatly restricting incursions into green space, this latest scheme is a definite improvement and has earned our approval. Nevertheless, the Commission recommends that the exact borderline of the planted area not be detrimental to the memorial, and the staff of the Commission has been authorized to explain to you on the site the line that the Commission considered acceptable on its site visit.

As you know, the members had a chance to inspect the site prior to the meeting. It was observed that the existing courtyard yews bordering the curb are in need of either severe pruning or replacement by a new evergreen hedge maintained at a height sufficient to screen the cars while keeping the vista open.

The staff will be available to discuss these recommendations should further questions arise.

Sincerely,



J. Carter Brown
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Mr. Richard F. Schubert
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Dear Mr. Spelman:

At its meeting on 23 July 1987, the Commission of Fine Arts approved preliminary plans for the rehabilitation of the Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge over the Anacostia River.

Of the two schemes presented for the lighting details, the Commission strongly recommends number one, which incorporates the lampposts in the railing outboard of the sidewalks flanking the roadways. Not only is this scheme consistent with the original design of the bridge, but it has the added advantage of removing a potential hazard to motorists farther away from the roadway.

Sincerely,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. H. James Spelman, Acting Chief
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Construction Services
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Dear Colonel Luchino:

At its meeting on 23 July, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed designs for the Department of the Army's Achievement Medal for Civilian Service and the Superior Civilian Service Award.

You will be pleased to know that the designs for both were approved.

Sincerely,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Gerald T. Luchino
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Director
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Dear Mr. McCormick:

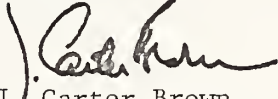
On 23 July, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the plans you sent us for new air conditioning cooling towers to be installed on the roof of the Scott Building at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home.

We have no objection to the design of the installation. In fact, it approaches the roof form as conceived in the original design and is complementary to the character of the building.

The problem is the material. The raw aluminum sheathing, while matching the color of the window frames, may be too reflective, shiny, and conspicuous. There was some discussion among the members of the Commission on the possibility of using limestone to match the facades. We recognize there could be practical problems in such an approach, but we nevertheless urge it be studied. Perhaps if that proves to be infeasible, other materials could be explored.

We will be meeting again on 18 September and will be glad to review any new studies at that time.

Sincerely,


J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. William N. McCormick, Jr.
Chief, Engineering Division
Directorate of Engineering and
Construction
Department of the Army
Office of the Chief of Engineers
Washington, D. C. 20314-1000

AGENDA ITEM EXHIBIT
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

23 July 1987

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
O.G. 87-79	1065 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W. Black Dog Assoc.	Two-story addition - concept
ACTION: No objection to design concept for renovation of property including addition of dormer level and raising height of existing rear wing as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 17 July 1987. Recommend submission of working drawings for Commission approval prior to issuance of permit.		
O.G. 87-133	1000 29th Street, N.W. 29th and K Associates	Alterations for restaurant
ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alterations to existing building now under construction so as to install restaurant kitchen, access steps and roof exhaust. Roof exhaust will not be visible from public space.		
O.G. 87-137	1000 29th Street, N.W. 29th and K Associates	Enclosed sidewalk cafe - concept
ACTION: No objection to concept of enclosed cafe at this location.		
O.G. 87-138	2707 P Street, N.W. Helsing	Retaining wall alteration
ACTION: Recommend <u>against</u> issuance of permit for proposed increase to height of retaining wall. Recommend retention of existing embankment and restoration of iron fence as exists at neighboring property.		

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Dear Mrs. Pope:

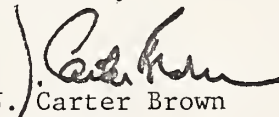
At our meeting today, the members of the Commission were delighted to learn that legislation has been introduced in Congress which would authorize a new set of commemorative coins for the 1988 Olympics. We feel this is a wonderful opportunity to build on the success of the recent invited compensated competition for the Bicentennial of the Constitution commemorative coins and hope very much the Mint will pursue the competition process in selecting the new designs.

The legislation as you know calls for the selection of the designs by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts. We believe this will give all of us the opportunity to explore the full range of submissions that will be forthcoming from such a competition. At the same time, we also feel that utilizing the services of a jury of qualified judges might also add to the selection process. If the jury could submit to the Commission its top ten submissions, the Commission could then review them and pass on its comments. Their selections would not necessarily have to be final, and the choice ultimately would be that of the Secretary, but having their professional opinion and recommendations could prove to be valuable. It is assumed that each coin would have its obverse and reverse designs done by the same artist.

As always the one factor that repeatedly seems to make the competition process a problem is a lack of time. Here, however, this does not seem to be the case, and there is ample opportunity to undertake a thorough and carefully thought-out program for design selection.

Again let me say how pleased the Commission was at the Mint's decision to pursue the competition route for designing the Bicentennial of the Constitution coins. American sculptors are eager to participate, and we believe that they would respond enthusiastically to the challenge presented by the Olympic coins. After all it is a subject honoring the very essence of competition, and it would therefore be doubly fitting to select the new coin designs in this fashion.

Sincerely,


J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mrs. Donna Pope
Director
United States Mint
Washington, D. C. 20220

MEETING:

18 September 1987

